മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു : ഇരിക്കുകൊണ്ടുള്ളതാണു്. That is what I think.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഇപ്പോൾ നെല്ല വാങ്ങുന്നതിനു മരംകൊണ്ടുള്ള പറ എവിടെയെങ്കിലും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I want notice to answer that.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ : ൪൪൦ ഔൺസിൽ കൂടുതലുള്ള പറയാണെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള വ്യത്യാസം വരാത്തവിധം ശരിയായ പറ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു : അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള വ്യത്യാസമൊന്നും വന്നിട്ടില്ല. ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽമാത്രം ഉണ്ടായി. അതു് ശരിയാക്കീട്ടുമുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : പറയെസംബന്ധിച്ചു തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഊരകം മർക്കയിൽനിന്നു വല്ല കംപ്ലെയിൻറും വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have no information. In fact, the para that is kept in the Trichur Taluk for standardisation was actually measured and found to be correct.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ : ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെപറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയും ഇപ്പോൾ നെല്ലുവാങ്ങിയ മരപ്പറയും ൪൪൦ ഔൺസ് അളവുള്ള ഇരുമ്പ് പറയും തമ്മിൽ ഒത്തുനോക്കി കൂടുതൽ കാണുന്ന നെല്ലിനുള്ള വിലകൊടുക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Absolutely no objection.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the length of the period during which this pare was used ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: About a month. As soon as a wrong para was used, very respectable persons came to me and complained. I took the matter into my own hands and then rectified it.

TENANCY QUESTIONS—SETTLEMENT OF

111. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that a Jenmi-karam settlement has been effected in Travancore ;

(*b*) whether, in view of the fact that Travancore is a close neighbour of Cochin and that it cuts into Cochin territory and vice versa in many places and that the history of land tenures is almost the same in both States, Government will be pleased to introduce that settlement in this State also ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A committee has been appointed by Government with points of reference wide enough to cover the question and in the questionnaire approved and published by the committee this point is one seen to be taken up by them for consideration. The decision of the Government will be taken after receipt of the committee's report.

PAYMENT OF DUES OF THE VERUMPATTAMDARS—FAILURE OF—CAUSE FOR

112. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Whether the difficulty in diffusing knowledge of the implications of the Verumpattamdars Act has been a cause of the tenants not paying up jenmis dues in time ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Government have no information.

113. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether Government have noted that a vast majority of the Verumpattamdars of the State have lost their right of permanency of tenure by not paying landlords' dues in time; if so, what action do the Government proposed in the matter?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The Government have no information that a vast majority of the Verumpattamdars have lost their right of permanency. The latter part of the question does not therefore arise.

BEGGARS AND RATIONING SYSTEM

114. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)*: (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether in rationing food stuffs for the public has any consideration been shown to beggars to enable them to purchase rice for cash;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that the beggar population in the Municipal areas of Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri is considerably high?

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Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* :

(*a*) Homeless beggars are not issued with ration cards. Those with houses are eligible for them.

(*b*) There are a good many beggars in the three towns.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)* : May I know whether the Covernment are aware that the large number of beggars in towns are homeless.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are Government aware as to how these beggars are fed now ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: With regard to beggars, a committee has been appointed by Government to go into the whole question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : That I know. I was asking, is Government aware as to how they get their food ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: By begging.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are Government aware that beggars die on the road-side out of abject starvation ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Have the police brought any such cases to the notice of the Commissioner of Police ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No unusual occurrence of the kind has been brought to my notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Have there been no deaths on the road-side of these beggars ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: I have answered that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is it usual for them to die on the road-side ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Death is usual for all.

Mr. President : I suppose the answer is that the beggars have no homes and they have to die somewhere.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : My point has been misunderstood. What I say is cases of death have occurred. I ask the Government whether it has been noticed. It may be quite possible that you may take no notice of it at all. What I ask is, is Government aware whether they have died on the roadside. They are all roaming about the roads and a continuous nuisance and people can't walk on the road on account of the dirt that they make on the roads.

Mr. President : This is question time. If Hon'ble members are not aware of it, I may say that the committee has been formed. It has already held one meeting, and we hope to get its decision very quickly.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: What is the objection for Government to issue individual ration cards to these beggars ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We are issuing cards. The number is very large, and many of them come from foreign places.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is it possible to give these beggars a card of some kind so that we can give them food?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not possible, because many of them are homeless and it is very difficult to trace their activities. A large portion is from neighbouring parts.

Mr. President: It is open to those who are accustomed to give food, to give them, instead, money.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Of course, it is so. But what I am saying is if we make a provision in Municipalities to feed these people, there is the difficulty, all people from ouside will be coming and we will have to feed them also. That is not possible. Is it possible now for the Police Department to do anything in the matter.

Mr. President : We will make a note of it and put it before the committee for its consideration.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Are the Government aware that the Bengal Government is doing something in the matter of vagrancy ?

Mr. President: I hope the committee has called for all those particulars.

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